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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 12TH THROUGH 18TH OF 2018 TO BE "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Filippi, Shekarchi, Maldonado, and Marshall

Date Introduced: March 14, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island has identified that more than  
2 12,000 residents of Rhode Island will sustain a traumatic brain injury this year; and

3           WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island has identified brain injury as  
4 the leading cause of death and disability among children and young adults in this country; and

5           WHEREAS, Brain injury is an extremely costly public health issue; and

6           WHEREAS, Advances in medical technology have enabled many persons with severe  
7 brain injury to survive these injuries; and

8           WHEREAS, Persons with brain injury may need specialized rehabilitation programs and  
9 other services to meet specific needs to live life to maximum potential; and

10          WHEREAS, Most forms of insurance, public and private, that are available to persons  
11 with brain injuries may not cover the rehabilitative and long-term care needs of these individuals;  
12 and

13          WHEREAS, People with brain injury and their families too often must choose financial  
14 hardship and discontinuing critical treatment and services due to the substantial long-term costs;  
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16          WHEREAS, Without specialized community services, people with brain injury may  
17 become inappropriately institutionalized; and

18          WHEREAS, Providing treatment methods and services to people with brain injury must  
19 be a priority for the State of Rhode Island; and

1           WHEREAS, In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),  
2 the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Defense Veterans Brain Injury  
3 Center (DVBIC), the Brain Injury Association of America and the Brain Injury Association of  
4 Rhode Island strive to increase brain injury awareness, thus making prevention and safety  
5 measures part of the American culture in an effort to decrease the number of brain injuries; now,  
6 therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
8 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the week of March 12th through 18th of 2018, to be  
9 "Brain Injury Awareness Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Debra Sharpe, Executive Director of the  
12 Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island.

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